

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
March 20, 2008

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 20, 2008.

The following members were present: Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, Mr. Ed Perry, and Mr. George Walker. The following members were absent: *Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Chip Crane, Mrs. Brenda Yonge and Mr. Napoleon Moore*

SBCJC Staff present: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Jason Pugh, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Larry Day, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Mrs. Janet Dominy, and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Guest present: Dr. Reggie Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Mr. Walker opened the meeting by thanking everyone for being there. He began with Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director.

Dr. Clark stated that he was pleased and honored to be on the SBCJC team. He stated that he has spent a good deal of time on the road and at the Capitol. He said he would provide more details in the Friday morning meeting.

Dr. Clark met with Ms. Marie Antoon, Executive Director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting and SBCJC staff members, Dr. Jason Pugh and Missy Saxton, as well as Assistant Attorney General staff member Chuck Rubisoff, on March 17, 2008.

He reported that the letter sent out to the EDNET board members and other parties, on March 13, 2008, had called attention to the issue. Dr. Clark reported that he had explained in the meeting with Ms. Antoon, the SBCJC Board's concerns about the lease money disbursement.

Ms. Antoon had provided documents at the earlier meeting that she will share with the SBCJC Board on Friday, March 21, 2008. She had also stated that she wanted to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Rubisoff recommended to Dr. Clark after the meeting with Ms. Antoon, that the SBCJC Board review and analyze this information, as well as legal information for the past twenty years and have some options available at the April SBCJC board meeting.

Dr. Clark mentioned that Dr. Ted Alexander, Chairman of the Mississippi Council of Economic Education (MCEE), had approached him about sponsoring a luncheon in October, in the amount of \$5,000.00. The board members agreed not to sponsor the luncheon.

Dr. Randall Bradberry had no report.

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Dr. Larry Day provided a fact sheet that listed thirty (30) facts about the Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges, based on credit enrollment (Attachment A). Members commented on how helpful this information was and that it should be presented to members of the Legislature.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the **Finance** agenda items as follows:

Attachment 1 shows the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for March 31, 2008, in the total amount of \$3,066,095.00.

Attachment 2 shows the Education Enhancement Fund Reductions of \$2.97 million or 8.1% thus far this fiscal year.

Attachment 3a and 3b show the Financial Statements for Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of February 29, 2008.

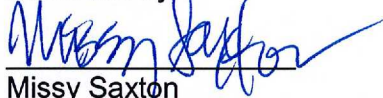
Attachment 4 shows House and Senate versions of appropriation bills Senate Bill 3119 (Administration) and Senate Bill 3120 (CJC Support).

Attachment 5 is a copy of the memorandum from Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) stating the mileage reimbursement rate will increase to \$0.505 cents per mile, effective March 19, 2008.

Mrs. Gilbert provided a handout on quotes for Fidelity Bond coverage and requested action be taken at the Friday board meeting.

Mr. Walker asked if there were any additional items that needed to be addressed. There being no other items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Recorded by:


Missy Saxton


Mr. George Walker, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Fact Sheet

Attachment A